

MFA in Interior Design (Thesis)

For students starting 2020			Revised 5/27/20
Major Professor and committee serve as advisors			
FALL	SPRING	SUMMER	
Year One			
IND 5634 Research & Prgm (Topic Selection) (3)*	IND 5636 Theory & Criticism (3)*	IND 5971 Thesis (2)*	
IND 5638 Design Issues (3)*	IND 5637 Research Methods (3)*	Internship (3) or Elective (1-3)	
Internship (3) or Elective (1-3)	EDF 5400 Basic Descriptive and Inferential Statistics (4)*	Internship (3) or Elective (1-3)	
Internship (3) or Elective (1-3)	ENG 5998 Writing Graduate Papers (1-3)		
9-13 Hours (recommend 12)	10-13 Hours (recommend 12)	2-8 Hours (recommend 5)	
Benchmarks	Benchmarks	Benchmarks	
<i>Select Major Professor by end of semester</i>	<i>Meet with Major Professor regularly</i>	<i>Opportunity to study abroad first 6 weeks</i>	
<i>Select Topic: Determine if track will be Research or Project-Based</i>	<i>Finish substantial part of review of literature (Ch.2) in Research Methods clas</i>	<i>Finalize and submit IRB (if necessary)</i>	
<i>Present topic to faculty in Research & Programming Class</i>	<i>Complete draft of Chapter 3</i>	<i>Defend Prospectus (Chapters 1-3) in second 6 weeks</i>	
<i>Select Committee</i>	<i>Complete draft of IRB (if necessary)</i>		
FALL	SPRING	SUMMER	
Year Two			
IND 5634 Research & Prgm (Program/Writing) (3)*	IND 5281 Graduate Studio VI (5)*	IND 5282 Grad Studio VII (5)*	
IND 5971 Thesis (2)*	IND 5971 Thesis (2)*	IND 5971 Thesis (2)*	
ENG 5998 Writing Graduate Papers (1-3)	IND 5528 Portfolio Review (1)*	IND 8976 Thesis Defense- 0 hours*	
Internship (3) or Elective (1-3)	Internship (3) or Elective (1-3)	Internship (3) or Elective (1-3) (if hours are still needed)	
Internship (3) or Elective (1-3)	Internship (3) or Elective (1-3)		
9-15 Hours (recommend 12)	9-12 Hours (recommend 12)	7-10 Hours (recommend 7)	
Benchmarks	Benchmarks	Benchmarks	
<i>Conduct original research</i>	<i>Complete significant part of design project</i>	<i>Complete & defend Thesis (meeting university deadlines)</i>	
<i>Complete Chapter 4 (Findings)</i>	<i>Work on Chapter 6 (Project) and Chapter 7 (Conclusions)</i>	<i>Take at least 2 thesis hours in final semester</i>	
<i>Complete Chapter 5 (Programming)</i>	<i>Begin work on final portfolio</i>	<i>Present portfolio at Dept. Final Showcase Event</i>	
Required hourly minimums		Minimum 60 Hours Required	
8 thesis hours total starting first year summer with 2 hours in each successive semester			
Required department hours = 41 (plus 19 hours of electives or internship)			